

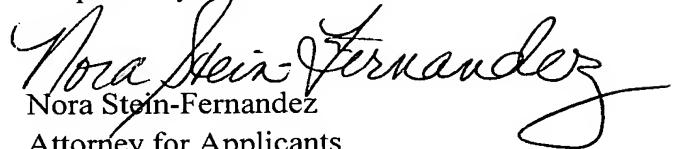
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the instant application as amended herein. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the original claims 1, 2, 11, 14, 16, 18 and 19 and amended claims 3-10 and 13, early examination on the merits and allowance of this application with claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 19, are respectfully solicited.

A form PTO 1449 accompanies this patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and make of record the documents cited therein and that a copy of the form initialed by the Examiner be returned with the first office action. Copies of the documents cited on form PTO 1449 can be found in the parent application.

If any matters remain to be resolved before search, examination and allowance, or discussion of any matter will facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number provided.

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